Development of Handloom sector in Gujarat

1062. SMT. CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made by the Government for the development of Handloom sector in Gujarat during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the Gujarat Government for increasing the allocation of funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) Allocation of funds in the Handloom Sector is made Schemewise and not State-Wise. On the basis of proposals submitted by the State Government, funds are released under various Plan and Non-Plan Schemes. The amount provided for the development of handloom sector in the State of Gujarat during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (Plan and Non-Plan) are as follows:—

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1990-91	634.24
1991-92	141.84
1992-93	174.03
1993-94	461.87

Powerloom service centres in Madhya Pradesh

1063. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Madhya Pradesh particularly in the tribal areas where Powerloom service centres have been set-up during the last three years;

(b) the places where these centres are proposed to be set-up during 1994-95; and

(c) the financial assistance likely to be provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No Powerloom Service Centre has been set up in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years.

(b) The locations of Powerloom Service Centre are decided on receipt of suggestions from State Govts., and on the basis of areas of powerloom concentration.

(c) For opening a new Powerloom Service Centre, a one-time capital grant of Rs. 3 lakhs and a recurring grant of Rs. 4.50 lakhs are given by the Central Government.

Restrictions against Indian-made Skirts in Canada and & U.S.A.

1064. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Canadian Official agency has warned Candian consumers not to wear four brands of rayon and rayon mixed Indian skirts imported from India in line with the similar declaration announced by the USA;

(b) if so, what step Government have taken against such declarations by Canada and USA; and

(c) whether the exporters of garments have been asked to carry out checking of garments befoe shipment in line with regulatior stipulated by these two countrn if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. In line with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's (USCPSC) action, the health protection branch (HPB) of Health Canada has warned Canadian consumers not to wear 4 brands of rayon and rayon made Indian skirts as samples of these 4 brands did not meet the flammability requirements laid downs in the Hazardous Products Act of Canada.

(b) and (c) A flammability Testing and Certification Programme for such skirts has since been introduced for Canada and all such skirts are now being exported to Canada, only after they have been tested in notified laboratories and have been found to comply with the flammability standards of Canada. A similar programme had earlier been introduced for the U.S.A. in view of the findings of the USCPSC, in regard to the flammability of sheer rayon chiffon skirts being exported to the U.S.A. from India.

Garment Export Entitlement Policy

1065. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay in announcing long term Garments Export Entitlement Policy, 1994 is affecting export of silk unembroidered garments; and

(b) if so; what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) There was no delay in announceing the Long Term Garment Export Entitlement Policy (1994-96).

(b) Does not arise.

Sick NTC mills in West Bengal

1066. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills declared sick in West Bengal so far; and

(b) what measures are being contemplated by Government for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) NTC (WBABO) Ltd., Calcutta has under it 12 mills in West Bengal . NTC (WBABO) Ltd. has been declared as a 'sick industrial Company' by the BIFR.

The Textile Research Associations have prepared plan for the Modernisation of the NTC mills, including the mills of NTC (WBAB & O) Ltd. A Turn Around Plan for the NTC is being considered but no decision has been taken by Government so far. Any revival plan will also require the approval of the Board for Financial and Industrial Reconstruction before it is implemented.

Export of Woollen Garments

1067. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which India has been exporting woollens;

(b) whether Indian woollen garments have great demand in West Europe, North America and Scandinavian countries; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase the export of woollen garments to those countries?